

PGE ENERGY UPDATE

PGE Participates In Geothermal Project

PGE, along with other Pacific Northwest utilities, will supply engineering and technical manpower for a \$35 million U.S. Energy Department project to build and operate a generating plant using underground hot water in southern Idaho. The test plant, funded by the Energy Department, is scheduled for completion in mid-1980 and will generate 5,000 kilowatts. PGE is participating to determine the technical, economic and environmental feasibility of producing electricity from hot water geothermal reservoirs similar to those likely to be discovered in Oregon. The Company has geothermal exploration rights on 8,900 acres in the Mt. Hood National Forest.

Trojan Powerful Producer During Frigid January

The Trojan Nuclear Plant came on power fully strong during January and how sweet it was as the demand for electricity by PGE customers was 23.5 percent higher than during the same period last year. The increase was due to this January's shivery — and for a time — icy, tree-bending weather. During January, which saw temperatures sag an average 7 degrees below normal and 9 degrees below the same period a year ago, Trojan generated more than 706 million kilowatt-hours, two thirds of which provided approximately 30 percent of the power needed by PGE's 460,000 customers.

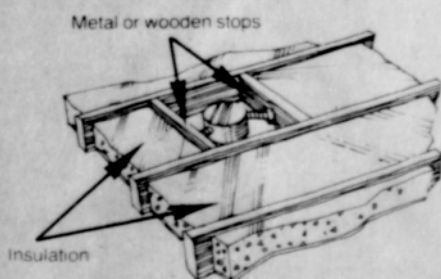
Conservation Made Easy With "How To With Pete"

There's lots of conservation conversation these days, but Pete Prlain, PGE's Chief do-it-yourselfer, does something about it. He shows you how for 30 minutes every Saturday morning at 10 on channel 12, KPTV. During March, Pete will show you how to:

- Insulate a heated or an unheated garage March 3
- Insulate floors and crawl spaces March 10
- Properly ventilate and control humidity in your home March 17
- Insulate interior or flat shed or built-up roofs March 24
- Insulate exterior of exposed beam ceilings March 31

Keep Attic Insulation Away from Heat Producers

If you are installing or adding insulation in your attic, be sure that you keep the material at least three inches from any heat-producing equipment such as recessed light fixtures and motors that protrude through the attic floor. This can be accomplished by installing a metal or wooden barrier around the equipment to prevent contact between the fixture and the insulation. In most cases, the attic studs form two sides of the protective barrier or box. This safety precaution is part of the National Electrical Code, designed to help avoid possible fire hazards.



Be Wary of Wires When Working on Trees

Without counting, thousands of trees were damaged by the icy hand of Mother Nature last month and either dropped overweighed limbs or toppled over completely from sheer exhaustion. Hopefully, March weather will moderate and allow homeowners to clean up tree debris and prune frontyard favorites cleanly. A word of caution... PLEASE BE CAREFUL. Don't use metal ladders, pole saws or pruners or any other metal tools if the tree is near power lines. If your tool or part of you comes in contact with a power line, you can be seriously injured or killed.

Thought for the Day

"The next time you feel like complaining, remember that your garbage disposer probably eats better than do 30 percent of the people in the world."

Robert Orben

PGE Portland General Electric

Offers full range of services

Motor vehicles office opens here Monday

It's official, the Sandy office of the Department of Motor Vehicles will begin operations March 5.

The office will offer a full range of services, according to assistant public information officer for the DMV Dave Davis, including driver tests, licenses and registration.

The new office will be located at 17380 Smith Ave., next to the Oregon Trail Savings and Loan. Hours will be 7 a.m. until 4 p.m. Monday through Friday except Wednesday, when the office will open at 7:30 a.m.

"We understand that the Sandy area has a lot of commuters to Portland,"

Davis said, "so we're experimenting with a different set of hours."

"Hopefully, the extra hour in the morning will allow some of the commuters to come in early and take care of their business before going to work," he added.

The 7:30 a.m. opening on Wednesdays will allow the office to conduct some in-house training sessions for its employees. Three em-

ployees will man the office; two, as of yet, unpicked and Jack Martin, named as office manager.

Martin has been with the DMV for 11 years, most recently as a driver analyst with the east Portland

branch. Davis said that DMV officials are still interviewing for the other two positions.

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Speakers set for chamber

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Milt Chase, trust officer for Bank of California in Portland, will address the chamber at noon next Tuesday at TJ's Fireside Dining on Proctor Boulevard. He will discuss state financial planning.

James Ashley and Bob Gillette of a unique, new business called Bag-Tag Inc. will speak at the regular chamber meeting March 13.

Correction

The Post incorrectly reported last week that the city of Sandy was in line for \$4200 in community block money for community center remodeling and \$9500 in proposed Tupper Road improvements after \$10,000 in first-phase engineering.

The correct amounts are \$42,000 for community center renovation and \$95,000 for Tupper Road construction, as proposed to the board of county commissioners by a policy advisory board.

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County OK's construction

Proposed construction of 44 single family homes and 40 condominiums on Welches Road was approved recently by Clackamas County hearings officer Ken Stewart.

The subdivision, called Fern Dale Development, will be built by Fosse and Sons Inc., of West Linn on 21 acres of property zoned Recreational Residential located one-quarter of a mile from Highway 26.

Welches School and three property owners within 250 feet of the development were opposed because of its high density and the subsequent increase in the area's population.

Vice Principal Earl Armbruster testified on Feb. 8 that Welches School had not been contacted by the county early enough to assess the development's impact on already overcrowded classrooms. Welches School Board is presently working on an expansion proposal to present to district voters in April.

Hearings officer Stewart said that he based his decision on the Mt. Hood Community Plan adopted by the county in 1976.

Under the plan, the Welches area is designated for recreational-residential development, and an expansion of the elementary school and an additional school will be needed by 1986 to handle the projected population of 20,000 in the mountain area.

GROWTH NECESSARY

"I'm saying that the plan controls and schools (Sandy High School and Welches School) should keep up with it," Stewart said. "It is necessary for schools to contemplate growth, and if they haven't, then they need to."

Construction on the property owned

by Nick Fosse is subject to the availability of water and access to the Hoodland Sewer Service District. The sewer system serving Welches was approved by voters on Jan. 23.

The Salmon Valley Water Co., which also serves the area, has not been shown any formal proposals by the developer, according to Alan Jensen, one of the water company's owners.

"Our approval would be subject to whatever our engineers say, so long as the development wouldn't be a drain on our system," Jensen said. "We couldn't be prepared to serve the development as we don't know anything about it yet."

Fosse will be required to contribute \$3,000 toward the improvement of Welches Road from the southernmost access point of his property to Highway 26. The development plans will have to go through the county planning department's architectural and landscaping design and review procedure.

NO BUFFER ZONE

Homes and condominiums will be located along a U-shaped road within the property. Condominiums will not be seen from Welches Road, according to Stewart. He did not require a natural buffer zone for the homes adjacent to the two entrances into the subdivision.

The paved road within the property will be 22 feet wide with three feet of gravel shoulder to allow natural percolation of drainage, Stewart said.

Appeals to the decision will be taken by the Board of County Commissioners until Friday, March 2. Additional testimony will not be taken unless there is a party who should have been notified and was not contacted during the hearing process.

Group gains new chapter

A new chapter of the Oregon Council of the Blind has been organized in Clackamas County.

Meetings will be held monthly in the Rainbow Lodge at Oral Hull Park in Sandy. The chapter is interested in locating prospective members, according to president Marie Webb. Anyone interested should contact her at 668-7587.

The Oregon Council of the Blind is composed of blind people working with sighted people for the social and economic welfare of the blind.

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